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Force development program detailed

By Capt. Dawnita Parkinson
Public Affairs

Laughlin officers learned details of the Air Force's force development program Oct. 31 during a mass briefing at Anderson Hall.

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., visited Laughlin as part of the "spread the word" campaign to inform officers of the new system that will transform how the service trains, educates and assigns people.

Force development affects only officers now, but will soon be implemented for the enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air National Guard elements.

The overall goal of force development is to develop its people, through a more deliberate process, with the required skills, knowledge and experience to successfully

accomplish the Air Force's current and emerging missions, said General New. It's about getting the right people in the right place at the right time.

While force development opportunities will continue to evolve and grow, all officers need to understand how these current changes affect them. An outline of these changes and initiatives follows.

Career development

■ Career development will start to be defined at three levels: tactical, operational and strategic. Some officers may remain at the tactical or operational level for an entire 20-year career.

■ At the operational level, some officers will have the opportunity to obtain a second, or "paired," Air Force Specialty Code. Each career field will identify those AFSCs that are com-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Timothy J. Stein

Hulk smash...

Zach Werley, son of Angela and Robert Werley, flexes his muscles before the Halloween parade at Ribas-Dominicci Circle Oct. 31. Zach was one of about 90 children who participated in the parade.

Deployment stats

Deployed	Returning next 30 days	Deploying next 30 days
52	21	18

Mission status

(As of Oct. 31)

Airframe	Days behind or ahead	Mission Capable Rate
T-37	-2.37	92.4%
T-1	4.40	82.8%
T-38	1.38	81.0%
T-6	-2.83	92.0%

Teams getting civilians hired faster

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – It has been taking up to 200 days to get some vacant Air Force civilian jobs filled, and senior leaders have said those long delays have to stop.

Three process-improvement teams researched ways to reduce the total time a job request is in the system, and the administrative-handling time spent on each.

"The teams identified more than 40 policy, procedure or systems changes that they feel would improve the fill process toward the 'ideal to be' state," David Davenport said. He is the chief of the human-resources laboratory and re-engineering division at the Air Force Personnel

Center here.

"And even early on we're showing results," he said. "That means (leaders) will be able to hire workers sooner," and that may mean more people will be in work areas from the flightline to headquarters to get the mission done, he said.

"We have to remember who our customer is – military and civilian managers – in the field," said Ron Orr, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics. "We must look at it from their focus, getting skilled people out there faster

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November: the perfect time to be thankful



Commander's Corner

By Lt. Col. Mark Mattison
87th Flying Training Squadron
commander

November ... what a great month. Veterans Day and Thanksgiving make November my favorite month of the year. Not because we get a couple of long weekends, but because the two holidays always cause me to think about those who went before us, and what I have to be thankful for. So, here goes...

I am thankful for the brilliant leadership the Air Force shows with its commitment to families and quality of life. So many people believe the Air Force spends all of its money on satellites and stealth aircraft, but that is not true. The Air Force spends more on quality-of-life programs than any business in the private sector. The new fitness center and billeting building across from the base exchange are concrete examples of our chain of command taking care of us.

Health care is easy to take for granted when you don't pay a dime for it. Ask your civilian friends what they pay for health insurance each month.

Just for fun, see how many civilians

you can find who received a 3 to 4 percent pay raise every year over the last four years. Plain and simple, the Air Force makes quality of life a very high priority. Retention is key to mission accomplishment. I am thankful the Air Force understands we recruit the individual, but we retain the family.

I am thankful for the history of great leadership in the Air Force. Visionary leadership merely began in the Army Air Corps with legends like Billy Mitchell and Hap Arnold. Our leaders have long understood

people are the Air Force's greatest asset. Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman, former Air Force chief of staff said, "To become successful leaders, we must first learn that no matter how good the technology or how shiny the equipment, people-to-people relations get things done in our organizations. People are the assets that determine our success or failure."

Along that same line of thinking, Col. Dave Goldfein, 366th Operations Group commander at Mountain Home, Idaho, writes, "Leadership is about people, management is about things. Successful commanders realize they are equally responsible for both." In an insightful book about squadron command, Colonel Goldfein writes, "Leadership has an elu-

sive, mysterious quality: It is easy to recognize, difficult to describe, tough to practice."

When Colonel Goldfein was a young weapons officer at Mountain Home, the night before a very important mission with the Secretary of the Air Force, he instinctively knew to make his wingmen go home to their families even though they wanted to continue mission planning. I am thankful

he understood as a captain what the Air Force has always known: An investment in our people and their families is an investment in the

"Retention is key to mission accomplishment. I am thankful the Air Force understands we recruit the individual, but we retain the family."

mission. Thankfully, the Air Force understands and continues to teach this as the most important of leadership lessons.

I am thankful the future is bright when it comes to growing new Air Force leaders. The Air Force continues to grow leaders who understand the mandate to care for their people.

When I attended Squadron Officer School, a retired Lieutenant General, who briefed my class, said, "Your people want to know how much you care much more than they care how much you know." In my 10 months of squadron command, I have found this to be true many times over.

Commitment to family, quality of life, health care and leadership ... I am thankful I chose the Air Force.

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AETC commander sends Veterans Day greeting

By Gen. Don Cook
*Air Education and Training
Command commander*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Throughout the course of our country’s history, countless men and women have dedicated their lives to ensure every American citizen has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines embodied

the motto of service before self and proved their devotion to their country time and again. From America’s war for independence to today’s war on terrorism, members of the United States military have defended and will continue to defend our fundamental rights. They have given their time, their heart and, in many cases, their lives so all Americans can live free of tyranny. I am proud to count all the members of AETC

among those following in their footsteps. This year on Veterans Day, we honor their noble sacrifices and re-dedicate our efforts to preserve peace and enduring freedom in the wake of the challenges and threats of the 21st century. As our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines deploy around the world engaging in the fight against terrorism, those who served before them remain

a constant inspiration. They serve as a reminder of the ideals our military lives by and the ideals we have sworn to protect. It is so simple a phrase – Duty, Honor, Country – but it means so much to so many throughout our country’s history. On Tuesday, let us pause to honor the men and women who served and those who continue to serve our United States. To those veterans, past and present, I salute you.



Col. Dan Woodward
47th Flying Training Wing commander

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven’t been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It’s also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate. If your question relates to the

general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved. Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions. Below are some useful telephone numbers that may be helpful when working your issue with a base agency.

AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204

Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Clinic	298-6311
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
EEO	298-5879
FWA hotline	298-4170
Housing	298-5904
Information line	298-5201
Legal	298-5172
MEO	298-5400
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810

‘Pilot’s’ parents send thanks

On behalf of our son, Juan Jose Morin Jr., we would like to thank Capt. Brad Brumbaugh and the Laughlin Air Force Base staff for the “Pilot for a Day” opportunity on Oct. 17. This was one of the best days of our son’s life, and it wouldn’t have been possible if it weren’t for the tireless efforts of Capt. Brumbaugh and the base. They went all out for our son, from providing the official flight suit with all the patches – including his name tag and a Red Bull patch – to the tour of the base, the fire trucks, meeting with the maintenance crew, the flight tower and the ride on the flight simulator. He also got to see Cash, a military working dog, in action.



Courtesy photo

“Pilot for a Day,” Juan Jose Morin Jr., and Capt. Brad Brumbaugh, 87th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, pose for a photo on base Oct. 17. Capt. Brumbaugh, we can’t thank you enough! You’re a true hero – all of you are heroes. We would also like to thank Sharlene

Perez with the Texas Department of Health for her part in the “Pilot for a Day” program and for helping find the “best” pilot kids to come. You’re the greatest! We want to thank everyone for being there and making this possible. We know there was a lot of hard work involved. We’re especially proud because Junior was the first “Pilot for a Day” ever. Capt. Brumbaugh – you, sir, are one of a kind. We know this will be a huge success every time for every child. You left a smile on our son’s face. So, on that note, we salute the Red Bulls of the 87th Flying Training Squadron. You have made a friend for life (Junior). Junior says, “Once a Red Bull, always a Red Bull. Pilot check – two!” Thanks. – Dora and J.J. Morin Sr.

Newslines

Thanksgiving feast set

Tickets for the chapel’s Thanksgiving feast at Club XL Wednesday are now on sale at the chapel administrative office. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children 8 and under eat for free. There are only about 80 tickets remaining.

For more information, call 298-5111.

Tutors needed

Laughlin families are looking for volunteers interested in providing tutoring services to their children participating in home-schooling programs.

If you are willing to volunteer some of your time to the children, please go to the Book Mark Library or the Family Support Center and fill out an information sheet.

For more information, please call the Family Support Center at 298-5620.

Thrift Savings Plan briefing set

A Thrift Savings Plan briefing is scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Family Support Center.

For more information, call 298-5620.

Commissary hours change

The commissary will be open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. starting Tuesday.

Worship service seeks volunteers

The chapel is seeking to establish a contemporary worship service at the base theater as soon as possible.

They are looking for people to help out with the service. Musicians (instruments provided), praise team members, audio and visual manager/coordinator and a welcome team are all need.

For more information, call Chap. (1st Lt.) Kenneth Fisher at 298-5111 or 298-7073.

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to roll up their sleeves and help get the job done in these busy times.”

“But this is a complex issue, and we’re only fixing the small part of the overall process that we can fix here,” said Greg Den Herder, ex-

ecutive director of the center. “Hopefully our success so far will stimulate similar efforts at every level. It must be a multifront war.”

In one week, the teams were able to reduce the total time spent on the job-fill process at the personnel center by 12 to 14 days.

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patible with the primary AFSC. For instance, a communications officer could have a “paired” AFSC for intelligence or plans and programs. The goal is to deliberately develop officers who have a wider perspective beyond their functional area to better prepare him or her to lead tomorrow’s Air Force.

■ The traditional career path pyramid will be replaced with the Career Planning Diagram. Each diagram, based on that career field’s requirements, will associate time in service and rank with the three career-development levels of tactical, operational and strategic. The diagram will provide officers a realistic snapshot of career opportunities and should be used when developing career plans and goals.

Assignments

■ The Preference Worksheet will be enhanced to form a more detailed and insightful product, called the Officer Developmental Plan. The ODP allows officers to provide input on their short-term goals, such as next assignment, as well as their long-term goals, such as being a commander.

■ Each career area has a newly created Development Team, which will provide vectors to the assignment team at the Air Force Personnel Center based on anticipated Air Force requirements to meet near- and long-term mission demands.

■ Assignment teams will consider the officer’s ODP, development team vectors, and Air Force requirements when making assignment matches. The bottom line is, assignments will still be made to meet Air Force needs, but the process will include input from the officer, feedback from the chain of command, and a vector from the development team on what the officer needs to better prepare him or her for the future.

Education

■ Professional Military Education will be called

Developmental Education.

■ The Air and Space Basic Course and Squadron Officer School now fall under the category of Basic Developmental Education. BDE is received at the tactical level.

■ Intermediate Service School and additional equivalent opportunities are now called Intermediate Developmental Education. IDE is received at the operational level.

■ Senior Service School and additional equivalent opportunities are now called Senior Developmental Education. SDE is received at the strategic level.

■ The curricula for in-residence Air Command and Staff College and Air Force Institute of Technology have been revamped to better prepare officers for their follow-on assignments.

● The last block of the ACSC curriculum will teach complementary skills outside of an officer’s career field. Basically, this block will be tailored to prepare the officer for his or her follow-on assignment, whether it’s a “paired” AFSC position (called a developmental assignment), a staff position, or a command opportunity. This is designed to provide the knowledge and skills new field grade officers must possess as they broaden their perspectives and progress into positions of greater scope and leadership responsibility.

● Those who attend other forms of IDE, such as AFIT or fellowship programs, will complete a 5- to 6-week distance-learning curriculum that will supplement the graduate education experience.

■ The curriculum for the ACSC distance-learning program also has been redesigned and now contains 50 lessons versus the previous 73 lessons.

■ For line officers, the selection process to attend in-residence IDE has changed. Basically, those previously identified as “candidates” will become the “selects,” and those previously identified as “non-candidates” will become “candidates.” For the candidates, each year senior raters will be able to nominate eligible officers they believe should compete for in-residence IDE.

tive and efficient, officials said.

Lean is an ongoing process for continuous improvement, and the teams will continue to refine the process as changes are approved, officials said.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Waist size reflects whole health

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The waist-measurement portion of the Air Force’s new fitness standard serves as a gauge for total health, said the Air Force chief of health promotion operations.

“The waist measurement is used to determine visceral or intra-abdominal fat,” said Maj. Lisa Schmidt. Air Force officials chose this measurement because there is ample evidence that links an increase in visceral fat with an increase in risk for disease.

“When we looked at developing health-based standards, we re-

viewed a lot of literature of the best ways to predict health risks for members, and abdominal circumference kept surfacing,” Major Schmidt said. “With more abdominal fat, you have more risk for diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some types of cancer.”

Agencies like the American Medical Association and the National Institute of Health have produced such studies, Major

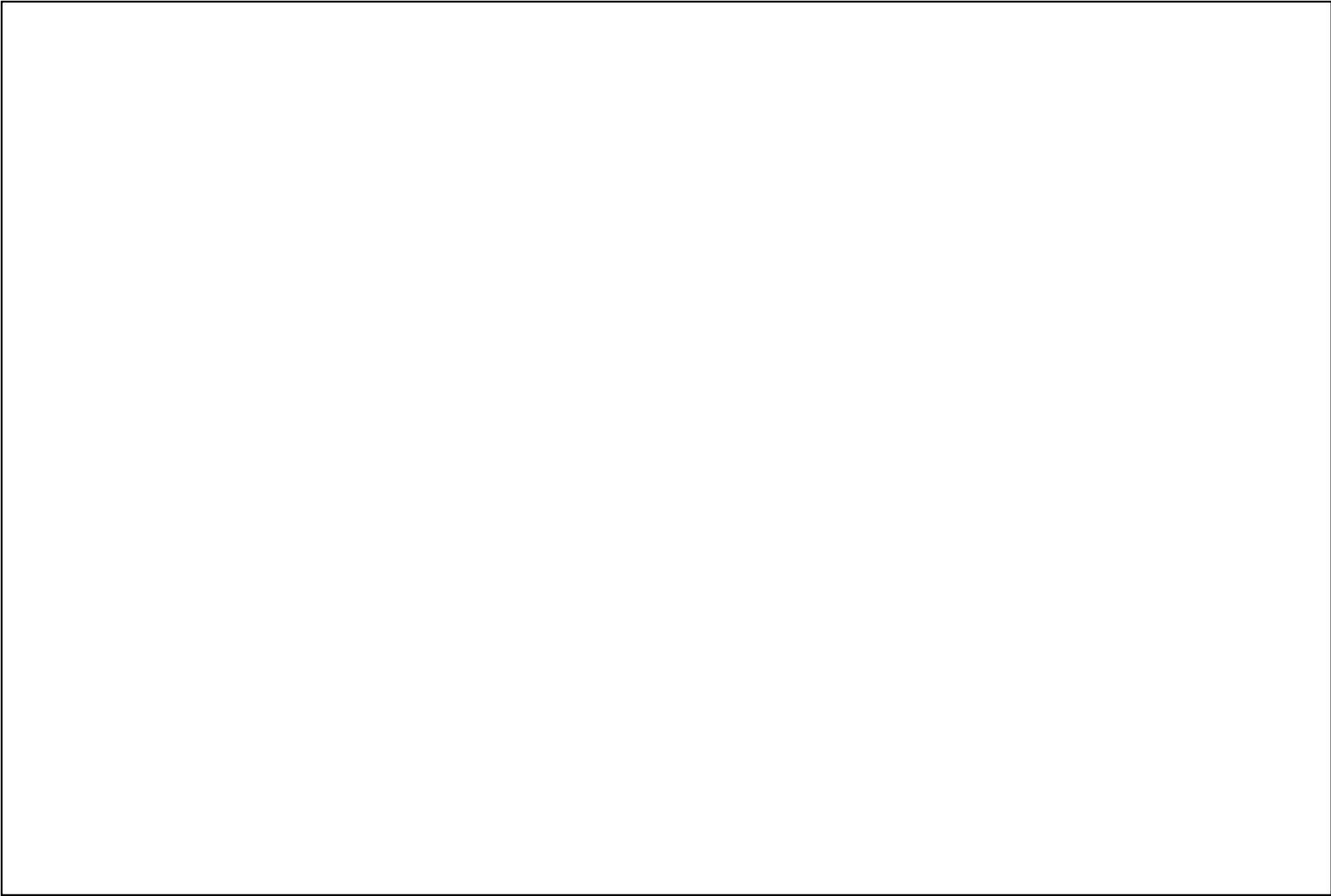
Schmidt said. Individuals can perform the measurement on themselves by using a tape measure, she said. The measurement is taken with the tape wrapped around the abdomen above the right iliac crest, or right above the top of the right hip bone, while ensuring the loop created by the tape remains parallel to the floor. The measurement is taken the

same way for both males and females.

Air Force officials use two tables for measuring waists, one for males and one for females, Major Schmidt said. There are no variations in regards to height or age.

”The risk for disease is independent of your height,” Major Schmidt said. “Other things considered, if you are 5 foot 2 inches tall or you are 6 foot 2 inches tall, your risk for disease is the same if you have a 40-inch waist. The same applies with your age. If you are 20 years old or 50 years old, the risk

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Flu shot shields servicemembers

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin military members are required to receive their annual flu shot, which is now available at the base clinic.

The shot is optional for dependents and civilian employees. Children must be 4 years and older to receive the shot.

Getting the flu not only is an unpleasant experience, said Dr. David Tornberg, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs' clinical and program policy. It is also a potentially debilitating illness that can wreak havoc in large organizations like the U.S. military.

"It's very important that all active-duty personnel be vaccinated in order to prevent the consequences of influenza, which can just devastate our military," Dr. Tornberg said.

He said many servicemembers

live in close-quarters environments such as barracks, which can help spread illnesses like the flu.

People with flu may be ill for several days, Dr. Tornberg said. Symptoms can include a runny nose; a dry, sore throat; cough; and fever and chills.

Rest and drinking plenty of fluids are two time-tested methods of treating the flu, he said. However, getting a yearly flu shot can prevent an occurrence of the illness or at least mitigate its effects.

Prevalent flu strains vary from year to year, Dr. Tornberg said. Therefore, Department of Defense and civilian health-care agencies monitor worldwide health trends to develop predictive models in determining the components "of the next flu outbreak," he said.

Anti-flu shot vaccines contain weakened flu viruses, Dr. Tornberg said. The administration of flu shots causes a person's body to develop

antibodies programmed to combat any appearance of flu virus, thus providing a measure of immunization.

And this year there is plenty of flu vaccine to go around, Dr. Tornberg said.

Military family members should also get flu shots, Tornberg said. Older people should also be immunized against the flu as they can be particularly susceptible to the virus.

People who have weakened immune systems or who are allergic to eggs, from which flu shots are made, should not get flu shots,

he said.

People who are uncertain if they should get flu shot should consult their physician, he said.

For more information, call 298-6469.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Timothy J. Stein
Airman 1st Class Rebecca Love, 47th Aero-medical-Dental Squadron, gives Col. Vic Hnatiuk, 47th Mission Support Group commander, the flu shot Oct. 30 at the wing headquarters building.

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is the same based on waist measurements.”

Additionally, unlike other body parts, the size of the waist does not grow proportionally with height, Schmidt said.

“As you get taller, it isn’t as if you grow out as well,” Major Schmidt said. “It is not proportional growth. The area you are measuring does not include any bone.”

While there is no variance allowed for height when it comes to waist measurements, it is important to consider the fitness evaluation as a whole in regards to the total-fit-

ness score, Major Schmidt said.

“When you look at the fitness score, it is a composite score,” Major Schmidt said. “If you have a 20-year-old and a 50-year-old, both with a 39-inch waist, they are going to get the same points for abdominal circumference. However, that 20-year-old is going to have to run faster and do more crunches and more pushups to get the same composite score as the 50-year-old.”

For airmen who have measured their waists and determined they are not within an acceptable range, there is hope, she said. Visceral fat is generally the first to go when people begin an exercise program. While it may take several months

of running, crunches and weight lifting to knock an inch or two off the waist circumference, that effort pays off in more than just the one or two points gained on the waist-measurement portion of the evaluation, Major Schmidt said.

“A lot of airmen will look at the chart and say it is difficult to lose an inch in abdominal circumference, and that they only get a point for it,” Major Schmidt said. “But if you are engaged in some kind of program to lose that inch and to gain that point, some aerobic and fitness program, then in the process of gaining that extra point for waist measure you will improve your performance on the running and

strength portions. They are all interrelated. This is about total health.”

Airmen who look at the chart for the first time become fixated on the top numbers for their age group – those numbers needed to score a perfect 100 on the evaluation, Major Schmidt said. She said airmen should concentrate instead on getting a “good” or “excellent” fitness score.

The expectation is not for most airmen to achieve a perfect score. The expectation is for everyone to participate in a regular fitness program, which will result in improvements in overall fitness, she said.



MyPay offers electronic W-2s to users

ARLINGTON, Va. – Current myPay military users and Defense Finance and Accounting Service civilian employees with myPay access will now automatically receive an electronic W-2.

The electronic method is now the primary means of delivery, officials said. Users may elect to receive a printed W-2 by mail by choosing the hard-copy option through myPay before Dec. 1.

“This is an opportunity for our customers to better manage their pay information,” said Dennis

Eicher, director for electronic commerce, military- and civilian-pay services at DFAS. “We are providing myPay customers access to their tax and pay preferences online. We also know some individuals would rather have a hard-copy statement, so we are giving them that choice.”

The online version, complete with printing instructions, is compatible for all tax purposes and allows users to have multiple copies without needing a hard copy. A save button is also available to allow individuals to save their W-2s to disk.

There will be a “no change” period from Dec. 1 through Jan. 31, officials said. During this period users will not be allowed to change their W-2 print election on myPay but may request a paper W-2 by contacting their local financial services office.

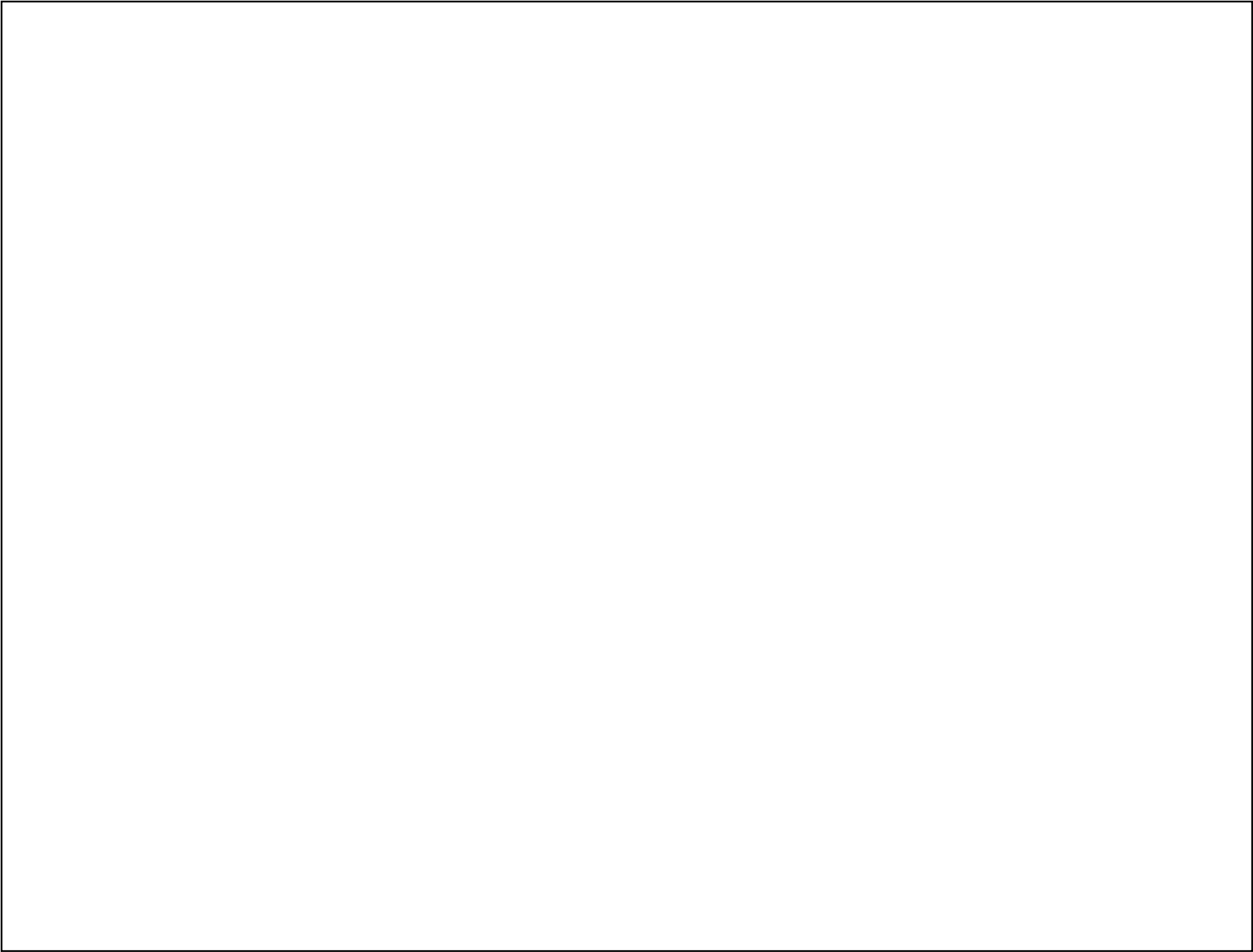
To select the hard copy W-2, go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. Under Taxes, select “Turn on/off Hardcopy of W-2.” Once this option is selected, carefully read the various questions posed. The user will be given the opportunity to se-

lect “hard copy.” This will allow the user to receive a hard copy by mail and still be able to see the W-2 electronically.

Retired airmen and annuitants, as well as civilians outside of DFAS, will continue to receive their tax statements or 1099 statements by mail. No action is required.

For more information, call the Laughlin financial office at 298-5215.

**Courtesy of Air Force
Print News**



Families of deployed troops gather at base chapel

HUGS sponsors dinner, get-together Tuesday

By Airman 1st Class
Yvonne Clark
Staff writer

Families gathered for dinner Tuesday at the base chapel with one thing in common – they all have a deployed family member.

The Helping Us Grow Stronger committee sponsored the pasta dinner for family members of deployed troops to meet and compare similar experiences of having loved ones serving away from home.

“These functions help boost morale because the families get to talk with other families of deployed people who are going through the same things my family is,” said Evelyn Caro, wife of deployed Master Sgt. Jorge Caro, 47th Security Forces Squadron superintendent. “I try to be independent, but it really helps that Laughlin shows they truly care about the families of deployed troops.”

In addition to functions such as the HUGS-sponsored dinner, the base ensures families are taken care of in other aspects as well.

“[People] from the squadron come over and cut the grass, the Family

Support Center keeps in touch, and people here check up on me to find out if I need anything. I love that!” said Mrs. Caro, who also has three young children to care for while her spouse is deployed.

“My youngest, [Jessica, 4,] takes the deployment the hardest. She is always asking when daddy is coming home and why daddy’s car is there, but he isn’t. She talks to him at least every Sunday, but the deployment is still hard for her to understand.”

While “daddy” being away is hard for Jessica to understand, Kay Ericksen, wife of Lt. Col. Michael Ericksen, 47th Mission Support Group deputy commander, said deployments are nothing new to her family since her husband has been in the Air Force for more than 20 years.

“Our only child is 23 years old, so we’re used to it. We know it’s part of his job.”

With her husband deployed and her son living on the east coast, Mrs. Ericksen said her days are filled with crafting, helping out with the Officers Spouses Club and volunteering at the thrift shop.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Yvonne Clark

Jessica Caro, 4, daughter of deployed Master Sgt. Jorge Caro, enjoys the pasta dinner provided by Club XL at the base chapel while her mother, Evelyn Caro, speaks with other spouses of deployed troops at the Deployed Family Dinner Tuesday.

“Sometimes there’s not enough hours in the day,” she said. “I keep busy, and I think that’s key.”

Along with keeping busy with her daily functions, she said the weekly phone calls and occasional e-mails truly show Laughlin cares.

“Laughlin really is a great community,” she added. “My husband and I have always said Del Rio is a great place, and I believe Laughlin has the same generosity.”

Rod Squellati, husband of Lt. Col. Robin Squellati, 47th Medical Operations Squadron commander, said the

initial adjustments, such as taking care of all the chores and bills, were a challenge, but he and their grown children have a positive outlook on the deployment.

“She’s devoted to the Air Force, and I think the deployment is wonderful because her mission is for a [worthy cause],” said Mr. Squellati.

“We’re not just out there fighting the war with weapons but with real people, so it’s important to have the moral and spiritual support the Air Force provides in times of war. I think the Air Force is doing a great job providing a support

group ... not just here, but there also.”

With the presence of senior leadership, supervisors and co-workers, Chap. (Lt. Col.) Joseph Lim, 47th Flying Training Wing chaplain, said the dinner was an eloquent testimony of Laughlin’s true commitment to the people here.

“I hope the dinner allowed families to realize the genuine concern Team XL has for those who are deployed and their families,” he said. “I also hope we showed them, in word and deed, that we truly care and they are our family.”

Karl Malone guarantees POW/MIA recognition

By Tech Sgt. Mark Munsey
15th Airlift Wing
Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – It is said that passionate people wear their hearts on their sleeves. For Los Angeles Lakers forward Karl Malone, he chooses to wear his on his shoe.

There are more than 88,000 Americans still unaccounted for in all conflicts. The Lakers could sell

out every home game and be well into the sixth game of the season before the fans outnumber those prisoners of war or missing in action yet to be returned to U.S. soil.

Like many others, the idea of having unaccounted American military members greatly upsets the Lakers’ most seasoned veteran.

“I’ve had so many friends and family, like my grandfather, who served in the military, and it always reminds me of the American

POW/MIAs,” Malone said.

And it always brings him back to the same discomforting thought, he said. “It seems like sometimes they are forgotten.”

Unlike others troubled by this idea, Malone set a plan in motion to do something about it.

His new sneaker is emblazoned with the POW/MIA emblem.

Every time the Lakers play on television, especially this summer when the U.S. national basketball



Photo by Douglas C. Pizac

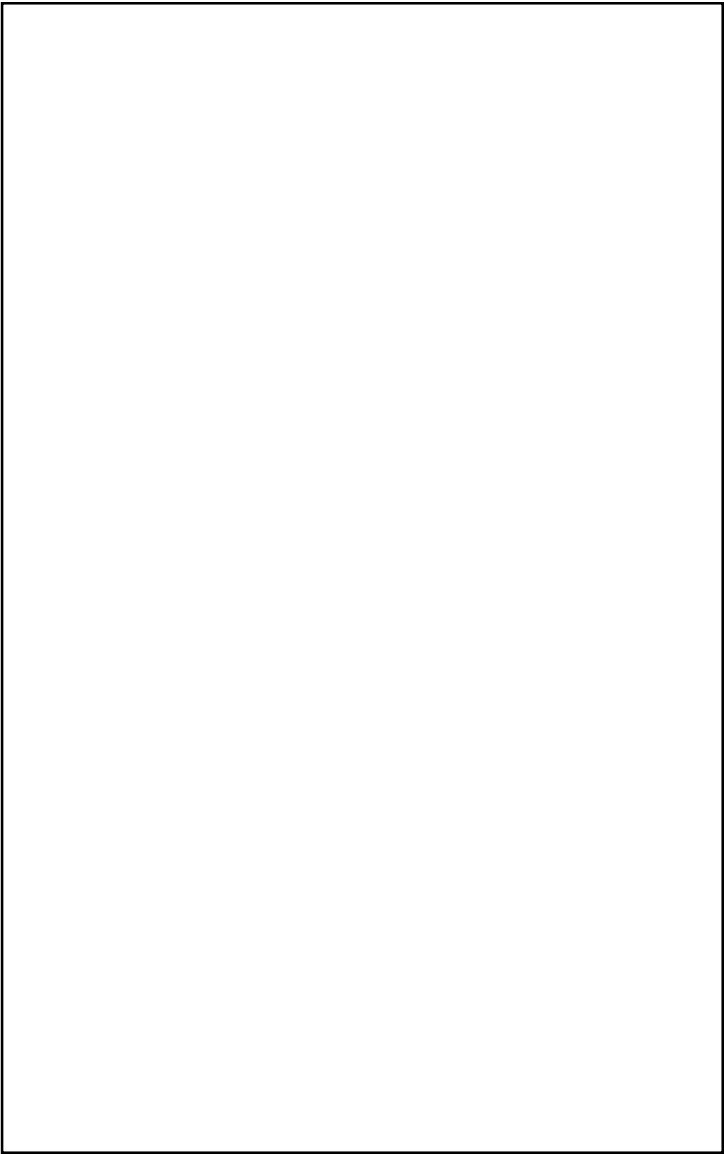
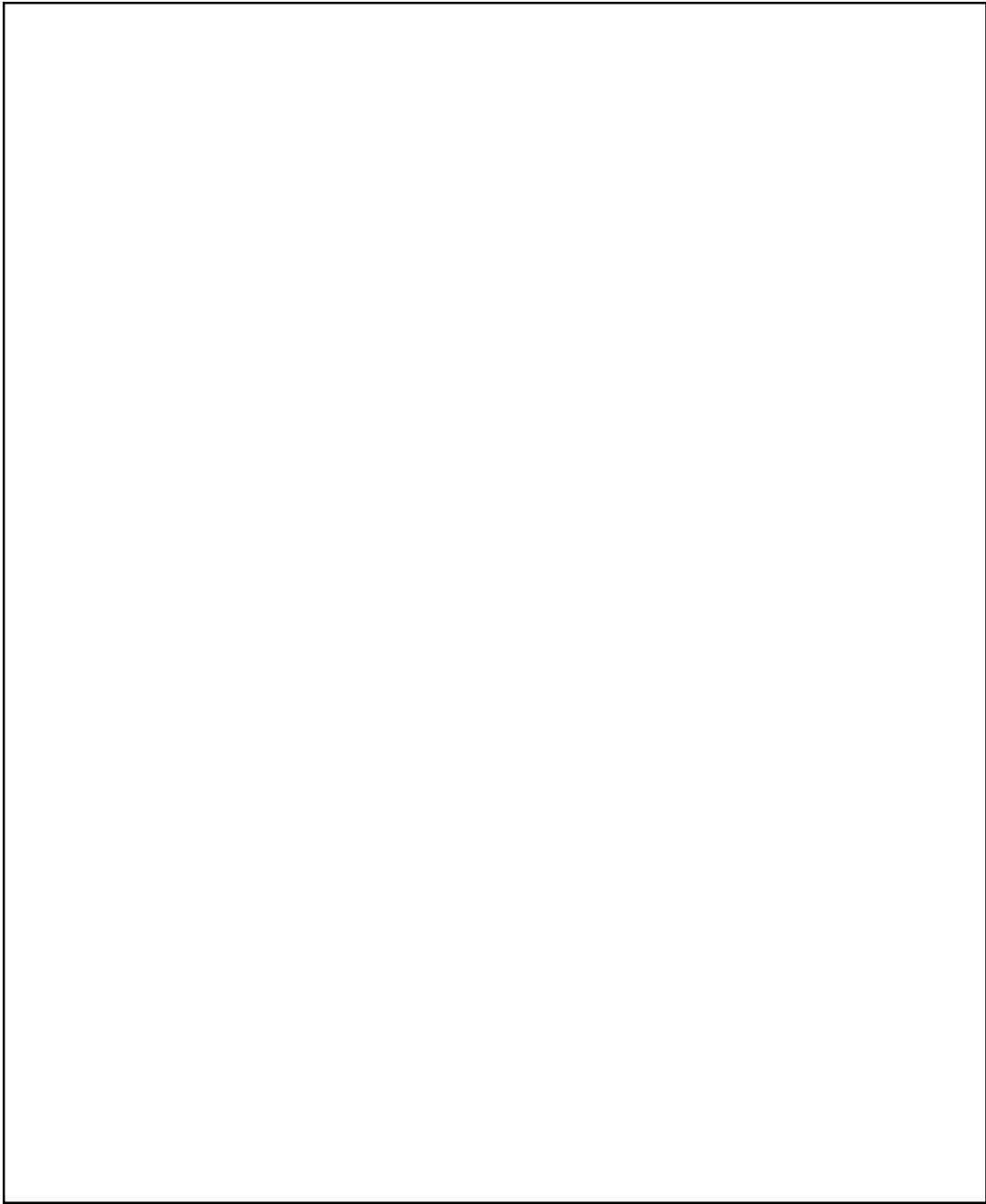
Los Angeles Lakers power forward Karl Malone wears a new basketball shoe with the POW/MIA flag.

team makes another Olympic gold medal run, the emblem will be front and center, he said.

“When my new shoe deal was coming up, and they asked me about how I wanted it to look, I just thought having the flag on there was a good idea,” said Malone.

It will not be a short-term design either, he said. The flag will remain a part of his uniform for the duration of his career.

“It’s just my way of saying thanks, both to those serving now as well as our POW/MIAs,” he said.



The *XLer*

Rob Poteat
47th Flying Training Wing historian

Hometown: Burlington, N.C.

Family: Wife, Heidi; daughter, Rachel (17); son, Zachary (14)

Time at Laughlin: Nine years

Time in civil service: Two years

Greatest accomplishments: My family

Hobbies: History and the arts

Bad habits: Planning too many things/projects

Favorite movie: Any Clint Eastwood movie

Favorite musician/band: Eagles and Rolling Stones

If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? President Ronald Reagan, so I can hear about his visions of life.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Timothy J. Stein

Services' NCO picks 7, takes weekly poll

Last week, Staff Sgt. Steven Taylor, 47th Services Division NCO in charge of mortuary readiness and the honor guard, took the weekly prize by picking seven games correctly. To enter the weekly contest, individuals can put their names in contest boxes located at various Services locations for a chance to forecast winners of weekly NFL football games in the Border Eagle. Five names are drawn each week to get an opportunity to pick the most winners of that week's games. Drop boxes are located at Club XL, Club Amistad, Cactus Lanes, Silver Wings and the Chaparral Dining Facility. The players for this week are: 2nd Lt. Don Hicks, Tech. Sgts. L a v a l l e Jenkins and Victor Tamez, Spc. Jeff McCaskill and Senior Airman Kevin Balch.



Staff Sgt. Taylor

Games:	2nd Lt. Don Hicks	Tech. Sgt. Lavelle Jenkins	Tech. Sgt. Victor Tamez	Spc. Jeff McCaskill	Senior Airman Kevin Balch
T.B. at Car.	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Carolina	Tampa Bay
Hou. at Cin.	Cincinnati	Houston	Houston	Cincinnati	Cincinnati
Chi. at Det.	Detroit	Chicago	Detroit	Chicago	Chicago
Ind. at Jax.	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Clev. at K.C.	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City
Atl. at N.Y.G.	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Giants
Ariz. at Pitt.	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Mia. at Tenn.	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
Sea. at Wash.	Seattle	Washington	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Minn. at S.D.	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
Buff. at Dal.	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
N.Y.J. at Oak.	New York Jets	New York Jets	New York Jets	Oakland	Oakland
Bal. at St.L.	Baltimore	St. Louis	Baltimore	St. Louis	Baltimore
Phi. at G.B.	Philadelphia	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay

87th takes down LSI, 21-7

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The 87th Flying Training Squadron defeated Lear Seigler, Inc., 21-7, Wednesday night largely because of their defense.

Cornerbacks Rich Jones and Matt Collins proved to be the difference in the game by combining for three interceptions with Jones running one back for a touchdown.

LSI started the game on defense and were able to stop the 87th's quick-strike offense. After the punt, LSI started to move the ball downfield on the 87th. LSI quarterback Art Rodriguez then threw his first interception to Jones, who ran it back 40 yards for a touchdown. The 87th went up 7-0 after the extra point.

LSI wasn't able to get anything going on their next possession and had to punt. It took only three plays for the 87th to score again. 87th quarterback Eric Parker hit Collins on a short screen pass, which looked like it would go about 5 yards but Collins turned on the afterburners and ran all the way to the end zone for a touchdown. An extra point brought the score to 14-0.

LSI needed to get things going in the second half if they were going to stay in the game. On their first possession of the half, they moved right down the field with a combination of quick passes and runs from Rodriguez. With the ball on the 1-yard line, Rodriguez was able to scamper into the end zone for a touchdown. After the extra point, LSI was only down by seven.

LSI got the ball back after a nice

defensive stand and set out to try to tie the score. The 87th's defense, however, had other ideas. On the first play Rodriguez was sacked for a 7-yard loss. On the third play Collins intercepted his first of two passes.

LSI held the 87th on defense and got another shot at tying the game. This time Collins intercepted the ball near the end zone and ran 70 yards before he was brought down. This set up a 25-yard touchdown run by Parker. The extra point made the game 21-7. With only one minute left, the win was out of reach for LSI.

The win brings the 87th to 4-2, while the loss drops LSI to 4-3. The 87th is one game behind the Eastern Conference leader, Laughlin Consolidated Services Aircraft Maintenance. LSI trails the 47th Medical Group by three games in the West.

Intramural flag football standings

Eastern Conference

Team	W-L
LCSAM	5-1
86th	5-2
86th	4-2
OSS	3-3
84th/85th	0-7

Western Conference

Team	W-L
MDG	7-0
LSI	4-3
CES	1-4
MSS	1-7